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Honorable Vernon A. Williams, Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20423

RE: STB Finance Docket No. 34046, New York Cross Harbor Railroad-Petition for Declaratory Order

Dear Mr. Williams:

I am writing on behalf of the New York Cross Harbor Railroad ("NYCH") in connection with the above-captioned proceeding. On March 17, 2006, the Board served an order giving NYCH and any other interested parties until April 17, 2006, to file pleadings demonstrating an need to keep this proceeding pending. By this letter, I am advising the Board that NYCH is dismissing without prejudice the Petition for Declaratory Order originally filed in this proceeding.

Please date stamp and return one copy of this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Heffner

Counsel for Petitioner

cc: Office of Proceedings (by fax to 565-9002)